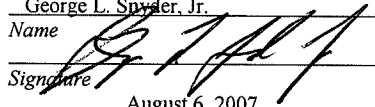


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Honorable Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007 in the above-identified patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith, including authorization to charge the fee for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include three replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.